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## SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS RESUME ACTIVITIES IN MANY PARTS OF USSR

GROUPS STUDY FISHING WATERS -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 27 Apr 52

Expeditions of Lithuanian scientists have departed for various parts of the USSR.

Biologists will study the lower courses of the Neman River and its tributaries. For 3 months, they will investigate the spawning grounds of fish and will study the possibility of using more modern fishing equipment. Another group will study the lakes in the Daugay and Trakay areas. About 40 lakes will be investigated in 1952.

On the basis of these studies, recommendations will be made to the fishing industry and kolkhozes of the republic for increasing the fish catch and better exploitation of lake; and rivers.

Lithuanian biologists are also participating in a joint expedition which will study Vil'nyus Oblast.

SEEK METHODS TO PROTECT CITRUS FROM FROSTS -- Tbilisi, Zarya Vostoka, 23 Mar 52

An Academy of Sciences USSR expedition is at work in Sukhumi, Georgian SSR, studying methods of protecting citrus groves from frosts. The expedition is headed by I.I. Tumanov, director of the Institute of Plant Physiology, and is composed of workers from the Geophysical and Power institutes, Main Geophysical Observatory, Institute of Plant Physiology, and Institute of Physical Chemistry.

On the grounds of the Sukhumi Affiliate, All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Tea and Subtropical Plants, the excedition is experimenting with the use of solid fuel that burns without a flame for warming up citrus grove areas.

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The expedition has been carrying out a series of experiments since early February and is continuing them at present.

TO CONTINUE CASPIAN AREA STUDY -- Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadzhikistana, 28 Mar 52

With the advent of spring, the detachments of the Caspian Joint Expedition of the Academy of Sciences USSR will return to the Caspian area to continue investigations being made in connection with construction of the Stalingrad hydroelectric installation.

S. V. Zonn, head of the expedition, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences, and Stalir Prize Winner, says that the expedition will this summer be composed of 25 field and three stationary detachments. About 200 scientists will take part in the investigations.

LEAVE FOR STALINGRAD CANAL ZONE -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 28 Mar 52

The detachments of the Caspian Joint Expedition of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR are preparing to leave for the Stalingrad Canal zone.

N. F. Kolotilin, head of the expedition, reports that the expedition will be composed of about 300 persons representing 8 scientific research institutes of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR.

Riga, Sovetskaya Latviya, 2 Apr 52

The institutes of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR have completed preparations for departure to the Stalingrad Canal zone of the detachments which will represent them in the Caspian Joint Expedition.

N. F. Kolotilin, head of the expedition, made the following statement:

"The scientists of Kazakhstan will expand their investigations of the northern Caspian area considerably. The first hydrogeological detachments are already there; all other detachments are ready for departure. These include detachments of soil scientists, geobotanists, zoologists, geographers, and other specialists."

TO STUDY POTENTIAL DISEASE CARRIERS -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, 1 Apr 52

The detachment of the Caspian Joint Expedition, representing the Zoological Institute of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR, has left Alma-Ata for the Stalingrad Canal zone.

I. G. Galuzo, active member of the Academy of Sciences Kazakh SSR and scientific supervisor of the expedition, stated that the zoologico-parasitiological detachment will continue the studies begun in 1951 in the area between the Volga and Ural rivers. It will make early spring observations of the life and development of wild animals which might be carriers of diseases to which domestic livestock would be susceptible. On the basis of these observations, the institute will develop measures for preventing and treating these diseases. These measures will have great practical importance in connection with the planned development of collectivized enimal husbandry in the area north of the Caspian Sea.

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WILL STUDY ANIMALS ALONG AMU-DAR'YA -- Ashkhabad, Turkwenskaya Iskra, 12 Apr 52

An expedition of the Biological Institute, Academy of Sciences Turkmen SSR, has left Ashkhabad for the northern sector of the Main Turkmen Canal area, traveling the route from Repetek to the Amu-Dar'ya River to Tashauz. Included as members of the expedition are A. O. Tashliyev, Candidate of Biological Sciences and senior scientific associate of the institute, and the following group from Moscow State University: Professor G. P. Dement'yev; N. N. Kartashev, Candidate of Biological Sciences; and A. Kaleynikov. The expedition will make a study of the vertebrate land animals along the Amu-Dar'ya and in the northern sector of the canal zone.

Another expedition of the institute, headed by B. B. Kerbabayev, Candidate of Biological Sciences, has departed for the area of the Amu-Dar'ya's middle course. It will attempt to determine what effective measures can be undertaken to improve the hay harvest in the river valley. For this purpose, various fodder crops will be planted experimentally.

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